



## *Good things are happening at Northgate* **Projects & Development Activity Update**

### **Building Northgate**

The following exciting projects are currently underway or planned for the Northgate area in the next few years.

#### **Our Northgate Construction Hotline**

The City of Seattle is committed to providing information on construction projects in the Northgate area. If you have questions or concerns about construction related impacts in Northgate, contact [BuildingNorthgate@seattle.gov](mailto:BuildingNorthgate@seattle.gov), (206) 733-9081.

#### **Construction Nearing Completion**

##### **5th Avenue NE Streetscape Project**

Streetscape improvements will make 5th Avenue an attractive, safer public environment with new sidewalks, street trees, landscaping, crosswalks and public art. There will be a new pedestrian promenade between Northgate Mall and the new Northgate Library, Park and Community Center. The first phase of this project will be completed in June 2005. The final phases will extend the streetscape from NE 113th Street south to NE 100 Street.

##### **Northgate Library, Park and Community Center**

A new Northgate civic center is opening to Northgate citizens in July 2006 located on Fifth Avenue Northeast and Northeast 105th Street. A Northgate Branch of the Seattle Public Library was funded by the Libraries for All levy. Adjacent to the new Northgate Library, Seattle Parks and Recreation is building a new community center and park. Northgate residents and workers will now have access to a variety of programs and services previously unavailable. The project was funded by the Pro Parks and community center levies.

#### **Under Construction**

##### **Maple Leaf Community Garden**

The Maple Leaf Community Garden is located at 529 NE 103rd Street and will be a park and community garden. Volunteers are creating a place where people will have the opportunity to grow plants, watch birds and relax in the outdoors. The property was purchased by Seattle Parks and Recreation in 2003 using funds from the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund, King County Conservation Futures Levy, Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund and community donations.

##### **Northgate Mall**

Northgate Mall is being revitalized and expanded with new retail stores and restaurants. New storefronts, canopies and street amenities will create a more urban feel

and foster a more pedestrian-friendly ambiance. The redesigned parking areas will incorporate natural drainage technologies that are specially designed landscape planting strips between parking rows, and permeable pavers that will help capture stormwater on-site that clean the parking lot pollution and add more greenery.

#### **Upcoming Projects**

##### **Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel**

The Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel uses natural drainage technology with plants and soil to clean pollution from 680 acres of urban development upstream to improve the health of Thornton Creek and enhance the neighborhood's natural environment. Pedestrian pathways have been designed to link adjacent neighborhoods to the new Lorig and ERA Care developments and the Northgate Transit Center.

##### **Lorig & Associates Development**

Lorig & Associates plans call for several buildings situated in the northwestern corner of the Northgate South Lot, anchored by a 16-screen cinema, and approximately 375 apartments and condominiums with an underground parking garage and some surface parking. The apartments will be built above ground level retail and restaurants. The condominiums will be arranged along the slope leading to the Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel that meanders through the site.

##### **ERA Care Communities Senior Living Center**

Located on the corner of NE 100th Street, and Fifth Avenue NE on the southeastern portion of the Northgate South Lot, the community will feature 125 units with 65 underground parking stalls. ERA Care Communities develops, owns and operates senior living communities in the area including Ida Culver House Ravenna and University House at Wallingford.

##### **Third Avenue NE Street Extension**

Between the Northgate South Lot and the King County Metro Transit Center, a new Third Avenue NE will create a new arterial and pedestrian connection between Northgate Mall and businesses south of NE 100th Street.

##### **Wallace Properties Redevelopment**

Wallace Properties is planning a phased redevelopment on approximately three quarters of an acre at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue NE and NE Northgate Way. The first phase includes approximately 170 residential units, retail, plazas and improved sidewalks.

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### Proposed Projects & Development Activity in Northgate Urban Center

